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S three-storey, £400,000 at Corbally—Limerick's se—was the scene to-day solemnity when it was and blessed.

of President de Valera, several clergy and religious, leading and Army representatives, Dr. ister for Education, formally college, and Most Rev. Dr. H. Limerick, performed the solemn of the college chapel.

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the diocese of Limerick. Interest and zeal such as this should fill us all with hope, confidence and encouragement in facing the many tasks which lie immediately ahead in the field of education. I wish to congratulate very warmly the Most Rev. Dr. Murphy and all those who helped him to tackle and overcome the many difficulties inherent in a project of this magnitude."

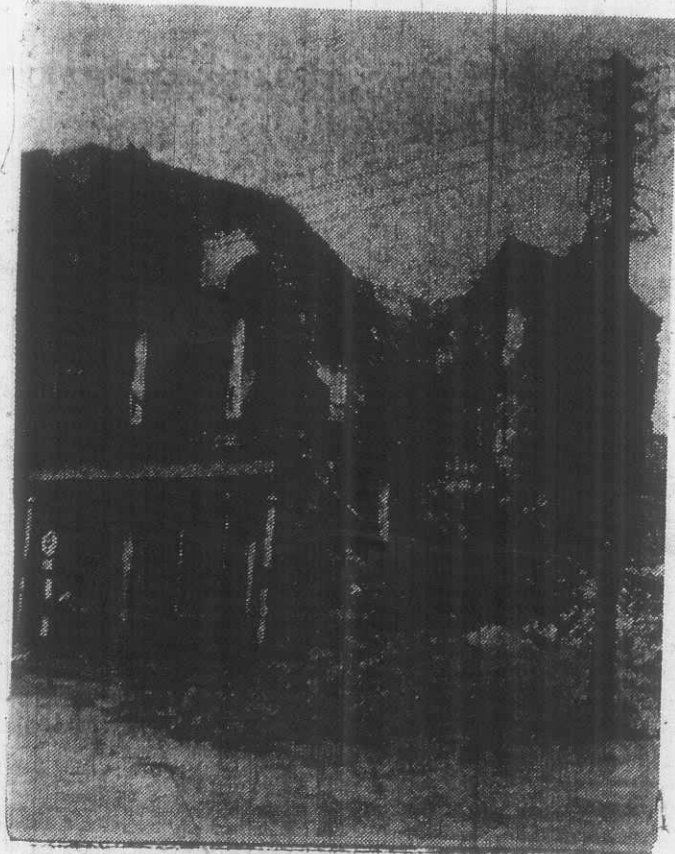
### FROM BISHOP'S ADDRESS

Most Rev. Dr. Murphy, speaking at the luncheon, said in the course of his lengthy address: "The priests and people of Limerick have built this college. It has been a heavy task, a long-continuing task. But priests and people have not grown weary even when in many parishes other burdens have had to be borne. And though the College has been opened and dedicated to-day, all know that the burden must still be borne until the debt is fully liquidated. They do not seek my gratitude, nor any man's gratitude, for they are building this College for God's purposes in this diocese, and especially that greater numbers of our boys may be directed to Christ's priesthood, or as laymen to a greater appreciation of Christ's interests in the world. But while I hesitate to express my gratitude to priests and people for their part in building a College which is theirs as much as it is mine. I do not hesitate to express my wholehearted appreciation of the magnificent effort that has been made especially during these last seven years and my prayerful hope that God will reward all for the great sacrifices they have made."

His Lordship also expressed his appreciation of the many people outside the diocese who have played a part, and in some cases a very big part, in the erection of the College.

He also referred in a special way to the Past Pupils' Union, the Union of Prayer, A.P., the Waste Paper promoters, the College Week Committee, and the many other groups who have helped in the College project.

An extended report will appear in our week-end issue.



The wrecked houses in Mungret St. after last night's mishap.

## THREE HOUSES IN MUNGRET STREET COLLAPSE

THE sudden collapse of three three-storey unoccupied houses in Mungret Street, Limerick, at 6.30 o'clock last evening enveloped a large area in a cloud of dust and brought hundreds of anxious parents to the scene looking for their children.

The three houses were formerly those of Mr. W. Erazier, B.C.; Messrs. Collopy's and Messrs. Fahy's. They were standing on the William Street end of Mungret Street and so sudden was the collapse that many people thought a bomb had exploded owing to the dense clouds of dust that greeted them as they rushed out of doors to see what had happened.

Luckily nobody was injured, but parts of the houses had been accessible to many local children who used to play there. If the collapse had occurred an hour earlier or half an hour later there would undoubtedly have been some children in the houses playing. Even as it was, three children were beside the houses at the time and a man who was passing by pulled them away to a safe distance.

The incident has once again highlighted the dangerous condition of many of the houses in

the area, even though there are families living there. It has also highlighted the Corporation's plan to demolish all the houses in the area and build over 300 houses or flats. This scheme is being delayed for various reasons and one of them is that there is a shortage of skilled labour in the city. However, the first part of the scheme, namely the demolition of the houses, must now be considered of first priority before somebody or family is completely wiped out in the collapse of some occupied house or houses.

Many local people this morning pointed out the dangerous condition of many of the houses. Some of the houses are visibly bulging and the date of their collapse cannot be far off.

Following the incident last night, two sections of the Limerick Fire Brigade were on the scene within minutes and also the Gardaí, who cordoned off the area.

This morning, Corporation employees were engaged in the pulling down of some overhanging pieces of wall that remained standing.

His Lordship, Most Rev. Dr. H. Murphy, Bishop of Limerick, blessing the new Diocesan College at Corbally, which was officially opened this morning.

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The judges of the Home Crafts Section were loud in their praise of the standard of entries and said that they were a big improvement compared to last year.

The Industrial Arcade which has been booked out for some months displayed a bewildering variety of goods and is bound to prove a major attraction during the two day fixture.

One of the loveliest sights at the Dunraven Hall, which houses the Horticultural Exhibition, and it presented a wonderful kaleidoscope of colors. Considering the bad weather experienced throughout the year the flowers were of excellent quality and the miniature and special classes were warmly praised by the judge.

In the Paddock, where the outside agricultural and industrial exhibits are on view, there was a bigger than ever display.

Chief attraction in the afternoon will be the jumping interest will centre on the A Khan Cup team, who will take part in the major jumping event of the day.

## County Crafts and Home Industries

### "STANDARD EXTREMELY HIGH"

"The standard is extremely high and very satisfactory," remarked Mrs. Dixon and Mr. Findlater, representatives of the County Markets (All-Ireland Co-operative Society), Dublin when they were present at the judging of the home crafts section today.

They had a special word of praise for the rushwork, embroidered and general knitting classes, which they described as excellent.

Mrs. Toomey, D.S.I., Carrigrohane, Co. Waterford, judging the bread and confectionery section, said the standard was quite good.

Mr. Grennan, Adare, Co. Limerick, judging the honey section, said the entries were small, but the quality and flavour very good.

Mr. Barclay-Russell, Part Co. Clare, judging the art section, said that this part of the show required extra development and he would like to see the younger people showing a little more interest in art.

### THE PRIZEWINNERS

The following are the prize winners:

